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# A Rapid Method for Determining Stress Concentrations for Autofrettaged Tubes Containing Multiple Axial Perforations Within the Wall

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## INTRODUCTION

The use of autofrettage to enhance fatigue lifetimes of thick cylinders subjected to internal cyclic pressurization is well known and relatively well understood. Recent work has addressed the problems associated with geometrical changes which remove the initial axi-symmetric nature of geometry and stressing of these tubes, namely:

- a. Axial erosion grooves, which arise after autofrettage, along the bore of the cylinder, Ref 1.
- b. Cross-bore holes normal to the tube axis (Ref 2) and inclined at an angle to the axis (Ref 3). These holes likewise are introduced after autofrettage.

The purpose of the work presented herein is to analyze, using elastic and simplified elastic/plastic stress analysis methods, the fatigue behaviour of cylinders which contain a series of equally-spaced holes orientated parallel to the tube axis and which were introduced prior to autofrettage. The cross-sectional shape of these holes may be somewhat arbitrary, but is shown diagrammatically in Figure 1 as circular.

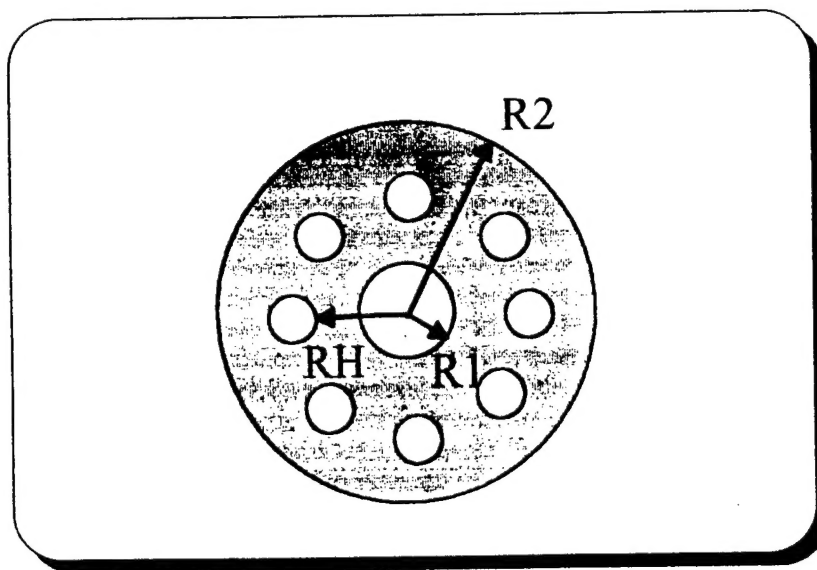


Figure 1

## MODEL

The model is summarised below (refer to Figure 1).

- a. Tube radius ratio  $R_2/R_1 = 2.0$  and  $1.8$
- b. One or 24 arbitrarily shaped cooling holes with critical locations at radius  $R_H$
- c. Cooling hole size small relative to tube radii
- d. Cooling hole size significant relative to hole spacing (multiple cooling holes)
- e. Tresca yield criterion applies. If stress at any location exceeds yield, whether in tension or compression, loading or unloading, it is capped at yield magnitude
- f. The following variables and associated ranges were examined:

$$1.0 \leq R_H/R_1 \leq R_2/R_1$$

$$K_T^{(1)} = 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0$$

where  $K_T^{(1)}$  is conventional stress concentration factor (uniaxial tension)

$$\%Autofrettage = 0, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100$$

$$\text{Firing Pressure } (p^f) = 33\% \text{ and } 40\% \text{ of Yield Strength}$$

## ASSUMED HISTORY

Zero interference fit between inner and outer tube ('neat fit')

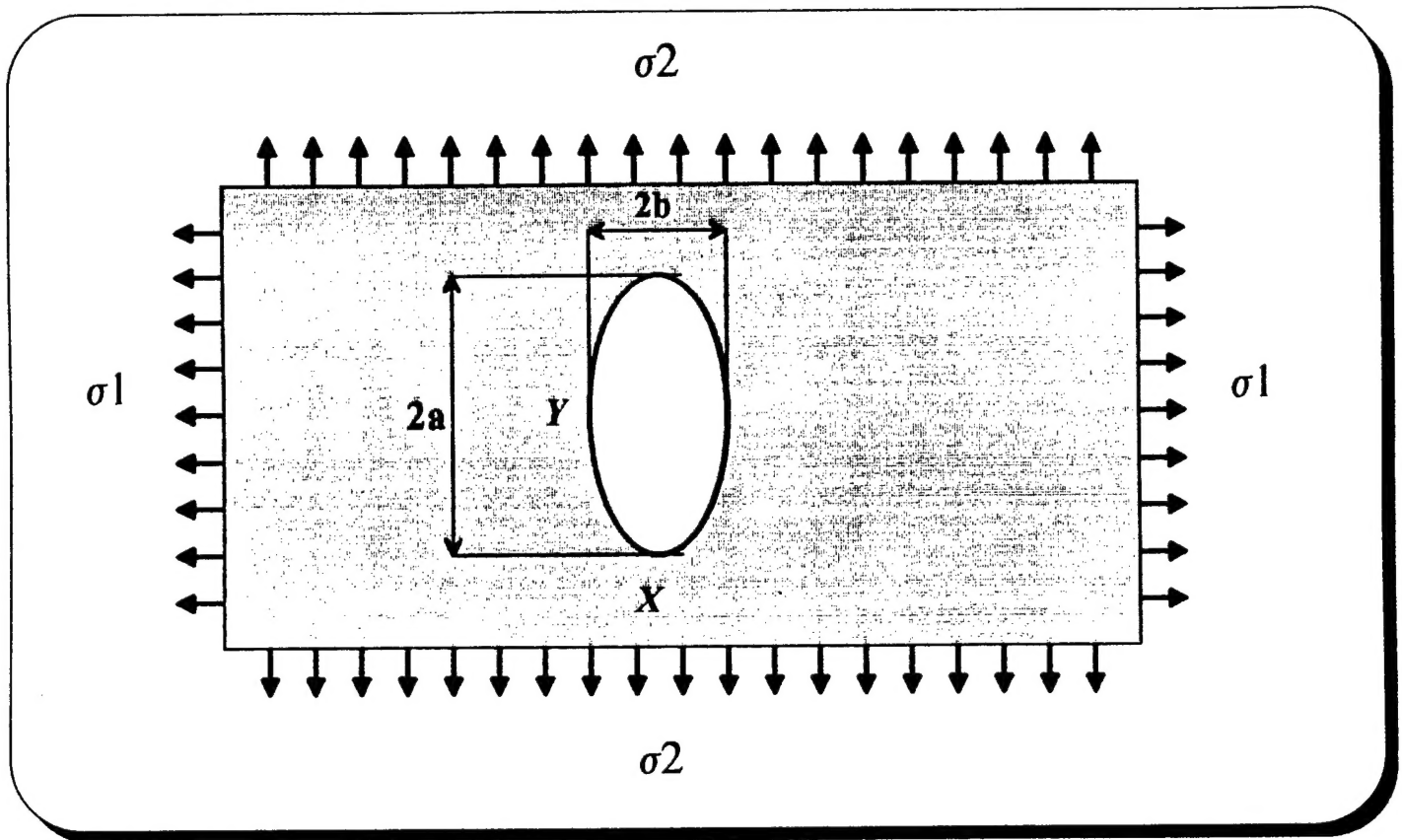
**Case 1 :** No autofrettage, possible yielding at hole during first firing (capped at yield magnitude) followed by elastic unloading

**Case 2 :** Autofrettage, yielding at hole during loading (capped at yield magnitude in tension) and possibly during removal of autofrettage pressure (again, capped at yield magnitude in compression).

Assume 70% of 'ideal' autofrettage field locked in at bore (this encompasses Bauschinger effect)

## ELASTIC BIAXIAL STRESS FIELD EFFECTS

Radial ( $\sigma_r$ ) and Hoop ( $\sigma_\theta$ ) stresses generated by the application of internal pressure are perceived by the hole(s) as a biaxial stress field. It is important to understand the stress concentration effects around a circular or elliptical cut-out in a biaxial stress field.. This is illustrated in Figure 2 for the case of a single elliptical cut-out having major axis  $2a$  and minor axis  $2b$  with principal stresses  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  applied normal to the axes of the ellipse. We note later that  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are analogous to  $\sigma_\theta$  and  $\sigma_r$  respectively.



**Figure 2**

The Maximum Principal Stress at point X is given by:

$$\alpha \left[ 1 + 2 \left( \frac{a}{b} \right) \right] \sigma_1 - \beta \delta \sigma_1 \quad (1)$$

where  $\delta = \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}$

and we designate  $K_T^{(1)} = \alpha \left[ 1 + 2 \left( \frac{a}{b} \right) \right]$  (2)

and  $K_T^{(2)} = -\beta \delta$  (3)

and for later use  $K_T^{(T)} = K_T^{(1)} + K_T^{(2)}$  (4)

where, for a single hole  $\alpha = \beta = 1$ .

For the case  $a = b$ ,  $\sigma_2 = 0$  this reduces to the familiar stress concentration factor for a circular hole, of value +3.

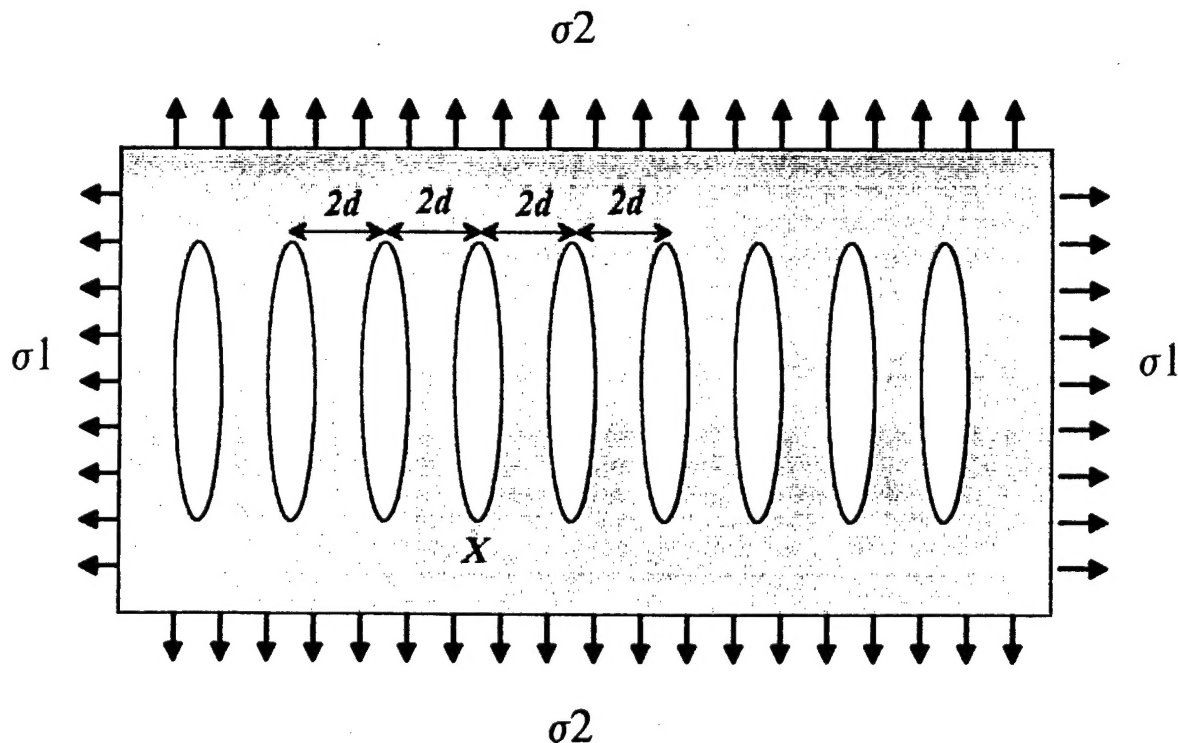
Now consider the effect of creating an infinite array of such holes (Figure 3), with spacing of  $2d$  between centers. There is then a rearrangement of the stress patterns and a modification of the stress concentration factor in that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are liable to change.

Turning first to  $\beta$ , the value of unity is the analytic solution for :

- A single ellipse (including the special case of a circle)
- An infinite array of cracks (i.e.  $a = 0$ , all physically acceptable values of  $d$ )

it is therefore inferred that the value of  $\beta = \text{unity}$  applies to the case of a single ellipse and to an array of ellipses. In any case, as will be demonstrated later, the magnitude of the hoop stresses is much greater than the radial stresses and therefore any errors in  $\beta$  will be relatively insignificant.

It is possible to obtain values of  $\alpha$  from a compendium of stress concentration factors due to Peterson (1974), Ref 4. The relevant results presented therein summarise the work of Nisitani (1968), Ref 5 and Schulz (1942, 1943-1945), Ref 6. Unfortunately the results are only presented for the case  $a \geq b$ , which includes the case of the circle. These results are also further restricted to  $0 \leq a/d \leq 0.75$  (for  $a = b$ ) and  $0 \leq a/d \leq 0.5$  (for  $a > b$ ).



*Figure 3*



Turning to the particular case of an array of 24 circular holes ( $a = b$ ) conforming with the general geometry shown in Figure 4 we find that  $a/d = b/d = 0.425$ , giving (from Peterson) a value  $\alpha = 0.76$  (note this figure can be obtained from Peterson, Fig 113, Fig 134 or Fig 135). Hence the single circular hole uniaxial SCF value ( $K_t^{(1)}$ ) of +3 is reduced to 2.28, whilst  $\beta$  remains at unity. Values of  $\alpha$  for the circular hole and  $0 \leq a/d \leq 0.75$  are reproduced as Figure 5 directly from Peterson (Fig 113).

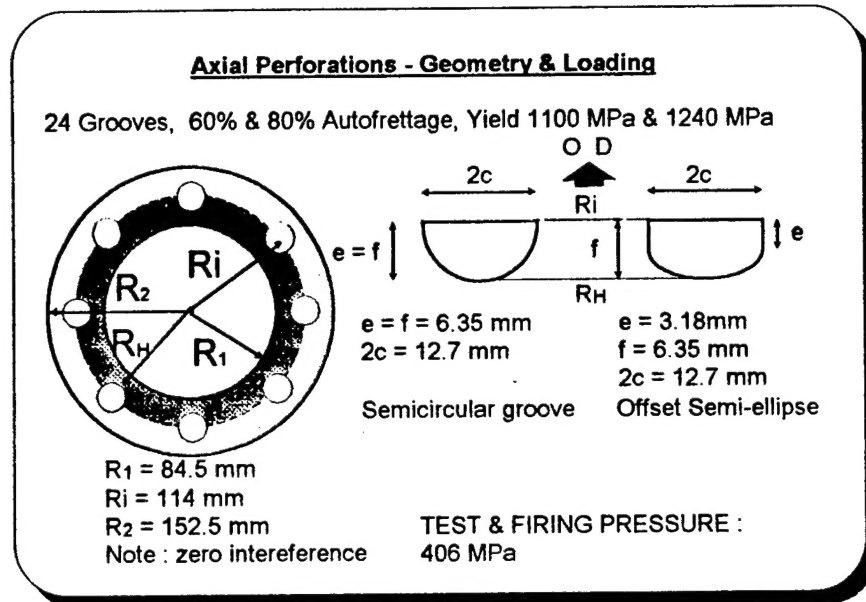


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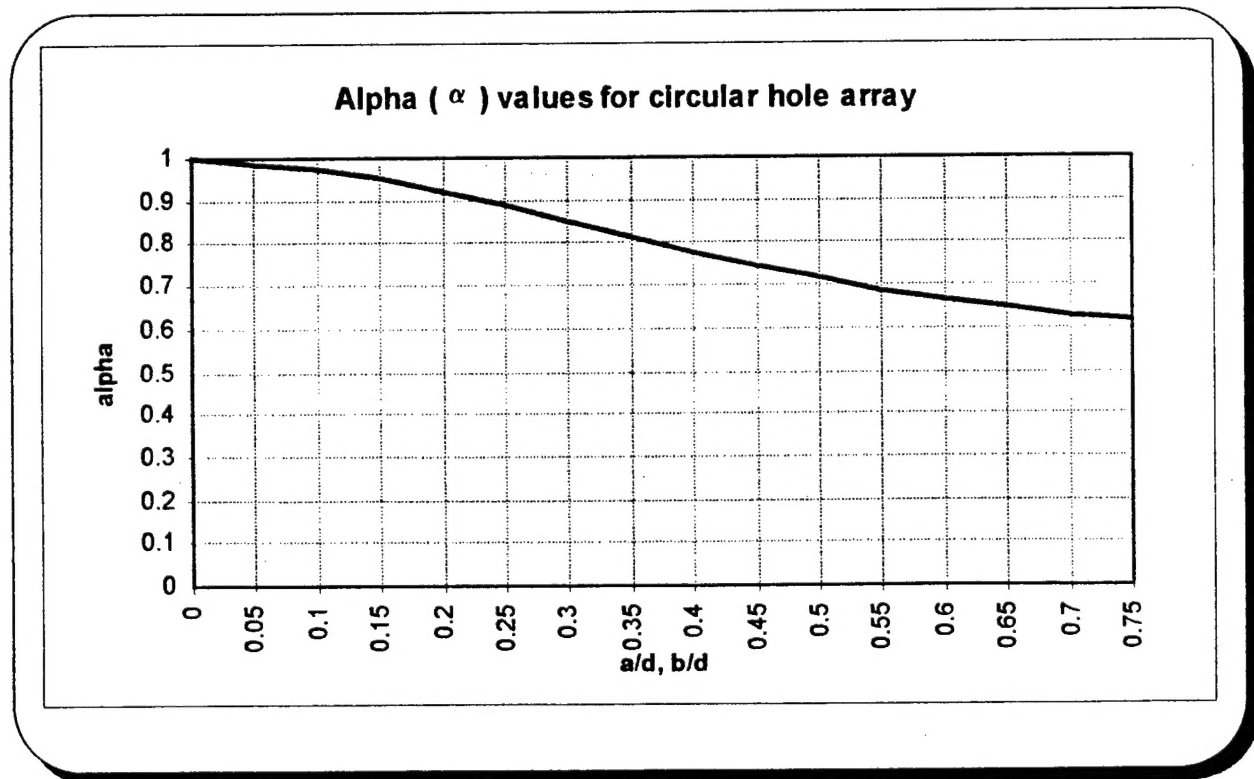


Figure 5

Now maintaining a b/d ratio of 0.425 and allowing a/b to vary we find that when

a/b = 2	we obtain	a/d = 0.85
a/b = 0.5	we obtain	a/d = 0.2125

Using Peterson, Fig 134, we find that for the case a/b = 2, using a/d = 0.85, a value  $\alpha = 0.69$  is extrapolated; this gives a uniaxial SCF of  $(0.69 \times (1 + 2 \times (a/b)))$  or 3.45. Whilst data are not presented for the case  $a < b$  it is possible to infer some approximate values using Peterson, Fig 134. On this basis, using a/d = 0.2125, a value  $\alpha = 0.87$  is obtained for a/b = 0.5, this gives a uniaxial SCF of  $(0.87 \times (1 + 2 \times (a/b)))$  or 1.74. The inference is clear: whilst the 'shielding' effect does reduce SCF proportionately more with increasing a/b, this effect is not sufficient to prevent the significant increase of SCF with increasing a/b ratio.

At this point we note that  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are analogous to  $\sigma_\theta$  and  $\sigma_r$  respectively, and that since the latter are of opposite sign as a result of internal pressure, the existence of the minus sign in Equation (1) means that the effects on the total SCF ( $K_T^{(1)}$ ) are additive.

## RESULTS

The results are presented in dimensionless form. Since a major objective is likely to be to optimise the design to produce similar positive cyclic stress ranges at both bore ( $\Delta\sigma^B$ ) and hole ( $\Delta\sigma^H$ ) the main parameter considered is the ratio  $\Delta\sigma^H/\Delta\sigma^B$ , designated R $\Delta$ . This ratio is presented numerically and graphically in Appendix A. (Note: this approach is described at length in Reference 7)

**NOTE THAT THE ABBREVIATION cSCF USED ON ALL PLOTS INDICATES CONVENTIONAL STRESS CONCENTRATION FACTOR, i.e.  $K_T^{(1)}$  IN THE DEFINITIONS USED HEREIN. IN ALL CASES THE CURVES IMPLICITLY TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE CONTRIBUTION FROM RADIAL STRESSES AT THE GIVEN RADIAL LOCATION.**

### *Case 1 - R2/R1 = 2.0*

Pages A1 - A9 show the R $\Delta$  ratio ( $\Delta\sigma^H/\Delta\sigma^B$ ) for a non-autofrettaged tube and for tubes with various percentage overstrains. The results for 60% autofrettage are shown further enlarged by restricting to  $1.2 < RH/R1 < R2/R1$  and also plotted as SCF versus R $\Delta$  ratio which permits the easy location of minima for any value of RH/R1.

### *Case 2 - R2/R1 = 1.8*

Pages A10 - A17 show the R $\Delta$  ratio for tubes with various percentage overstrains. The results for 60% autofrettage are shown further enlarged by restricting to  $1.2 < RH/R1 < R2/R1$  and also plotted as SCF versus R $\Delta$  ratio which permits the easy location of minima for any value of RH/R1.

## COMMENTARY

Referring to Appendix A we note some interesting features.

- a. The choice of ideal  $K_T^{(1)}$  depends upon  $RH/R1$ , percentage overstrain and ratio of Firing pressure/Yield strength
- b. For the case  $RH/R1 = 1.4$  the single circular hole ( $K_T^{(1)} = 3$ ) produces a near optimum value.
- c. For the case  $RH/R1 = 1.4$ , reducing  $K_T^{(1)}$  below 3.0 invariably results in a detrimental increase in  $R\Delta$
- d. In order to determine the optimum groove shape using only standard stress concentration manuals the following steps are necessary:
  - ♦Identify minimum  $R\Delta$  and associated  $K_T^{(1)}$  for relevant  $R2/R1$  and  $RH/R1$
  - ♦Using Peterson calculate value of  $\alpha$  for number of holes and hole size
  - ♦Use SCF and  $\alpha$  in Equation (1) to determine optimum ellipse eccentricity

It is important to note that the above approach can also be applied to arbitrary groove shapes by undertaking a straightforward, two-dimensional, numerical elastic stress analysis. In this case the arbitrary groove shape is modelled using (say) FE or BE methods, Figure 6, with internal pressure applied to the bore and  $u_\theta = \tau_{r\theta} = 0$  along radii of symmetry. The value of  $K_T^{(1)}$  being extracted for the critical point on the hole boundary. This requires a set of design curves based upon  $K_T^{(1)}$  rather than  $K_T^{(1)}$ .

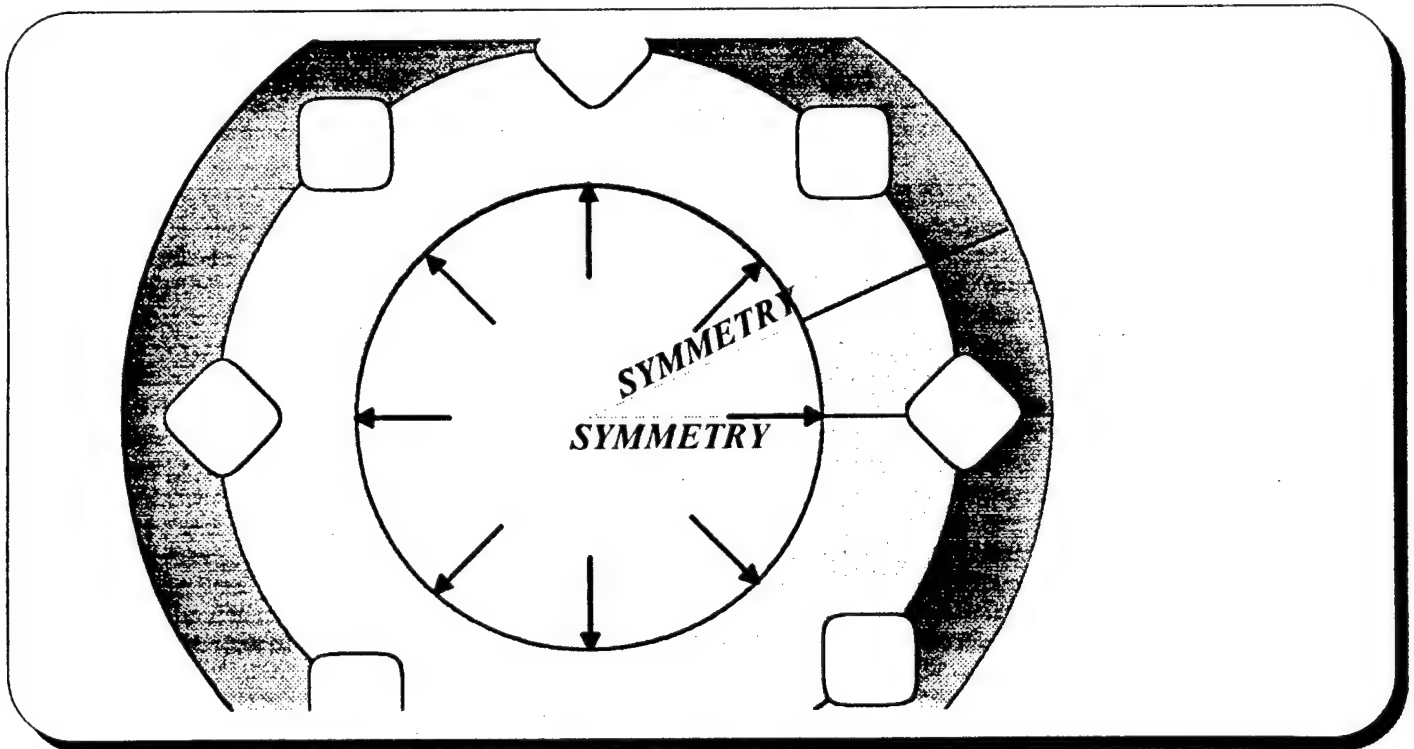
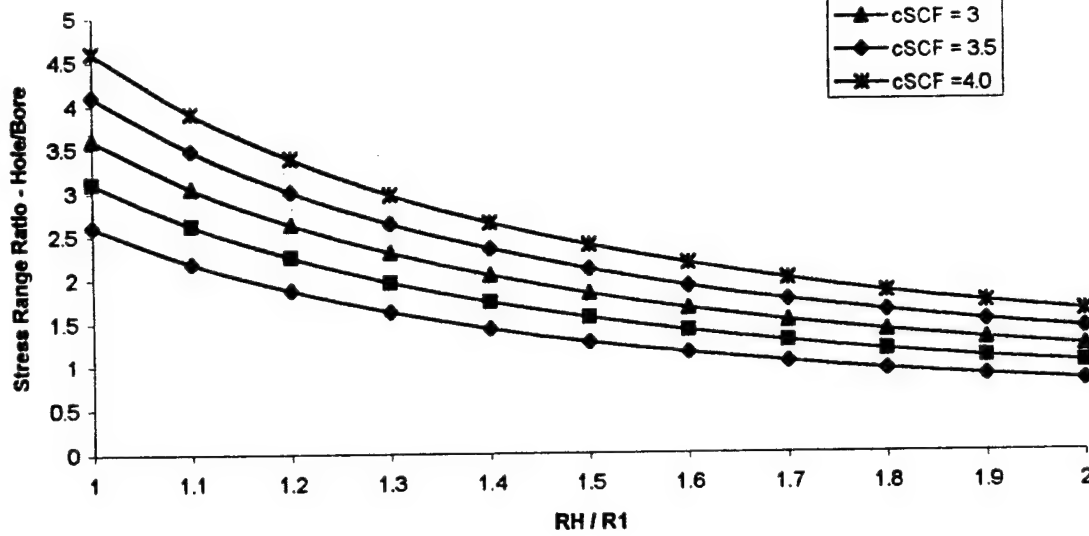


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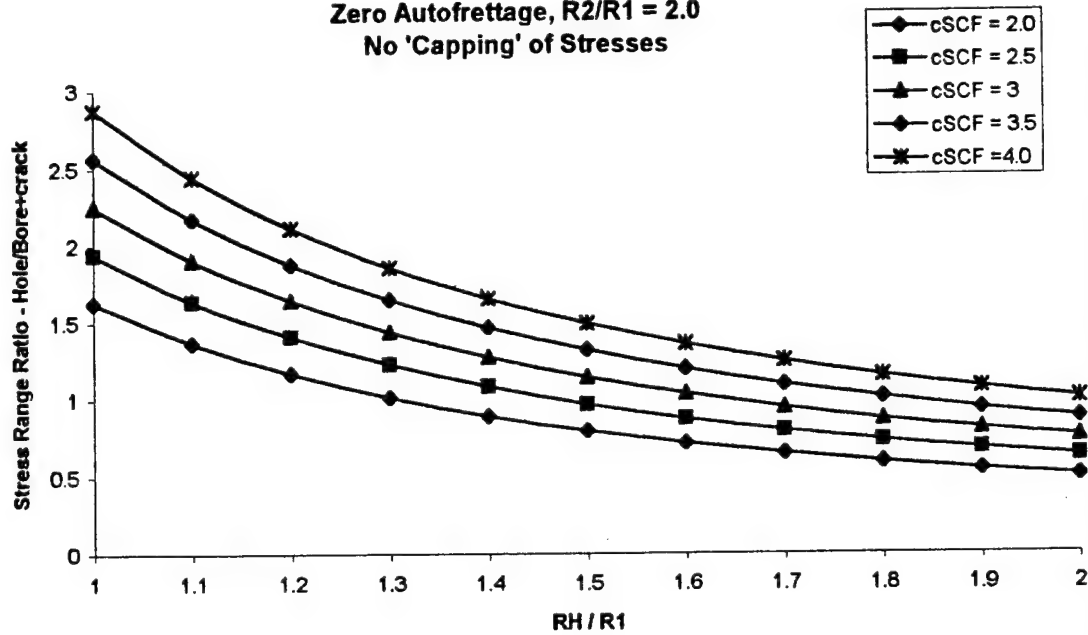
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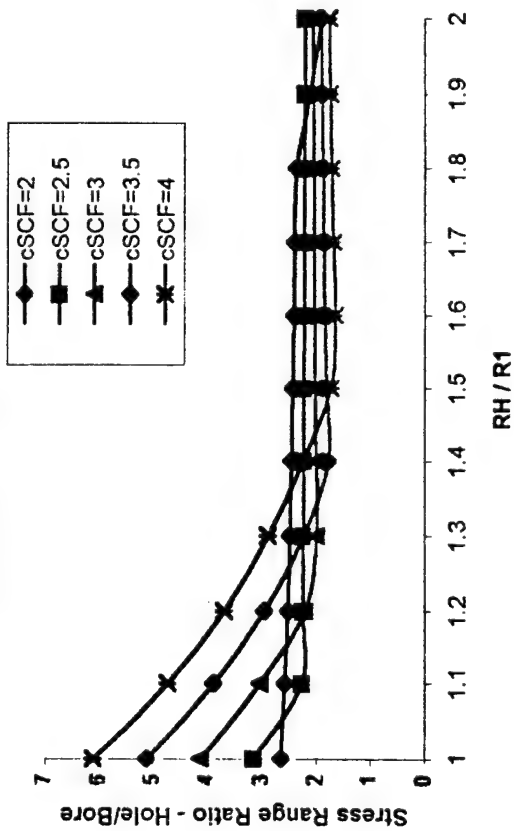
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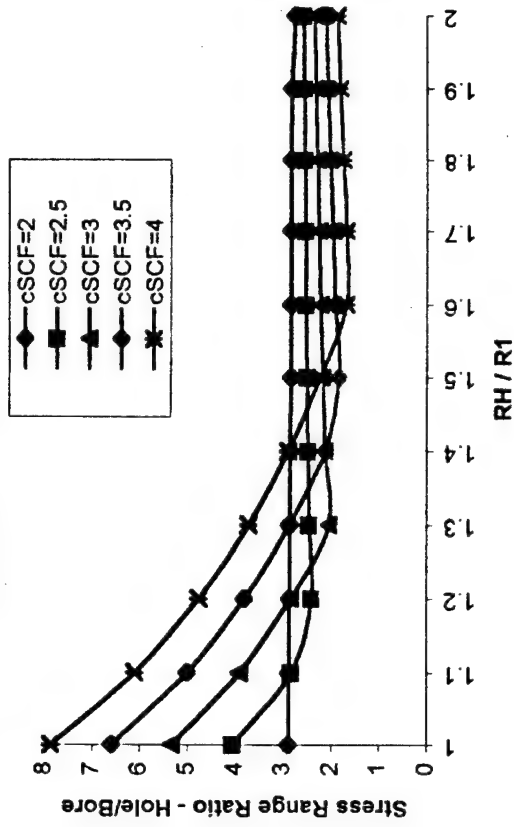
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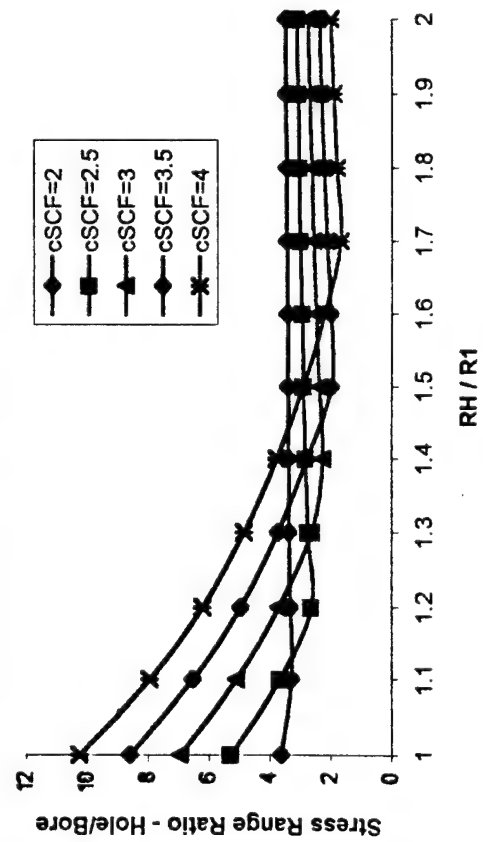
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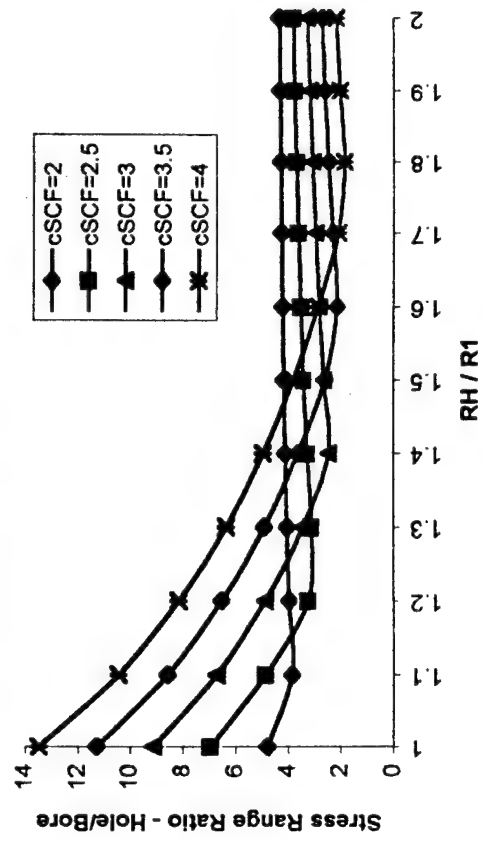
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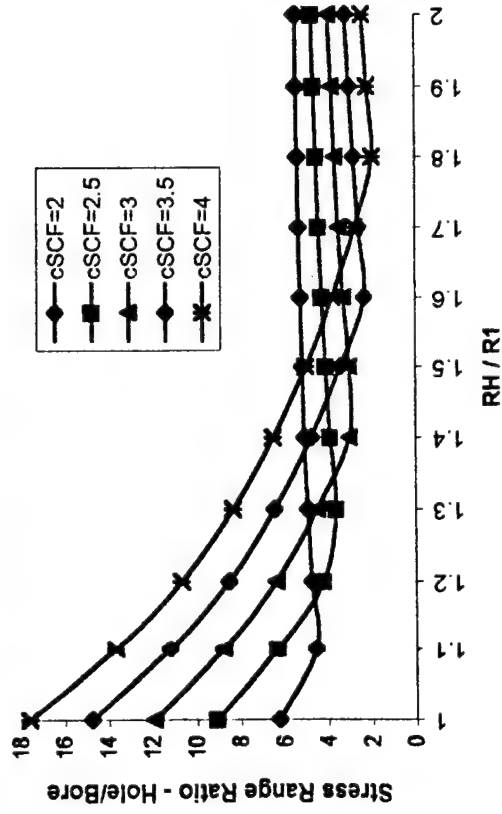
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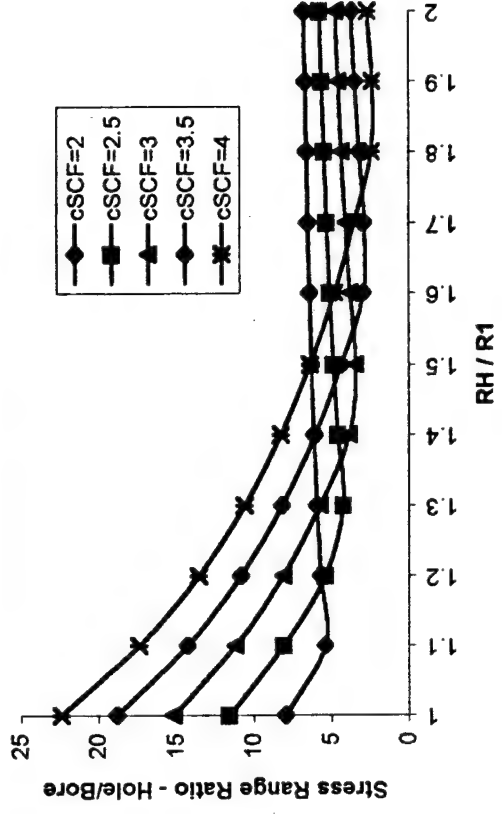
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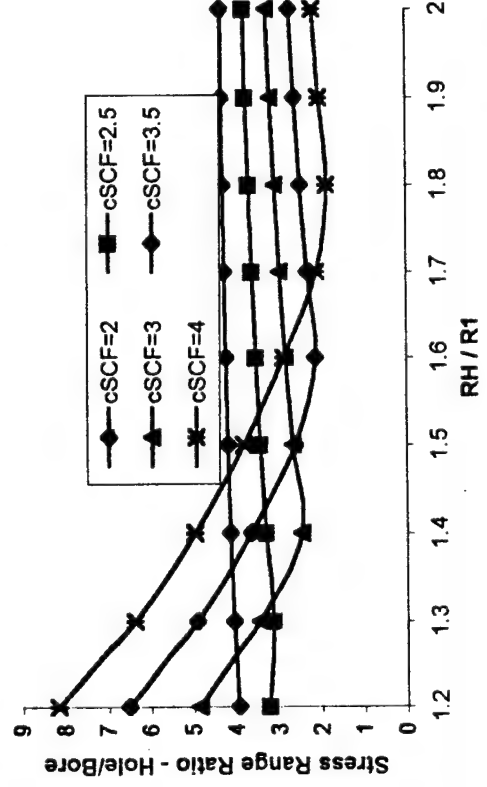
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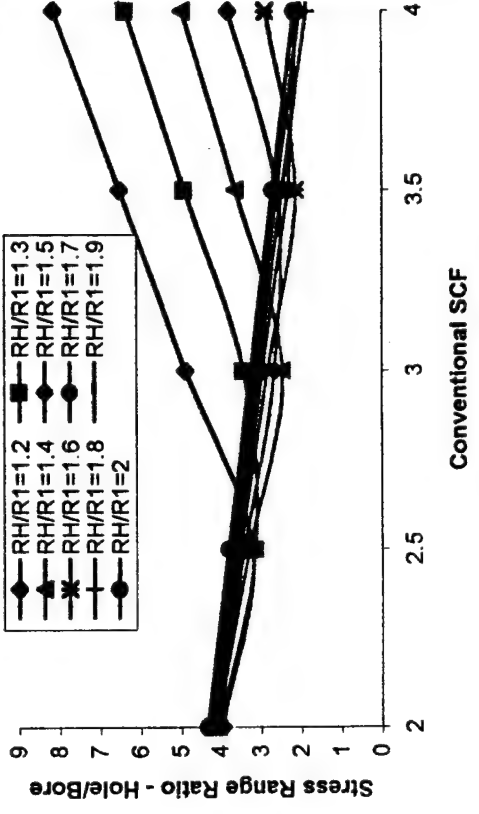
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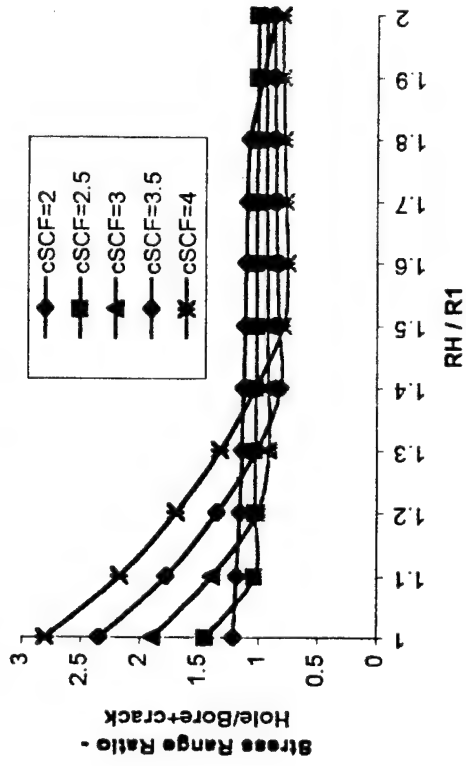
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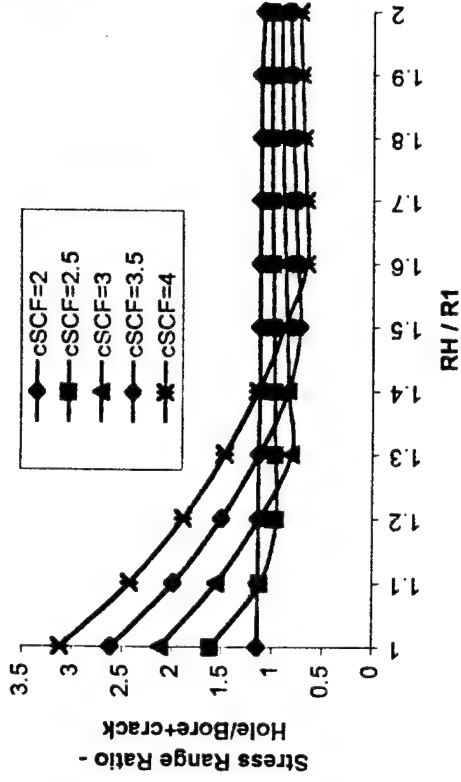
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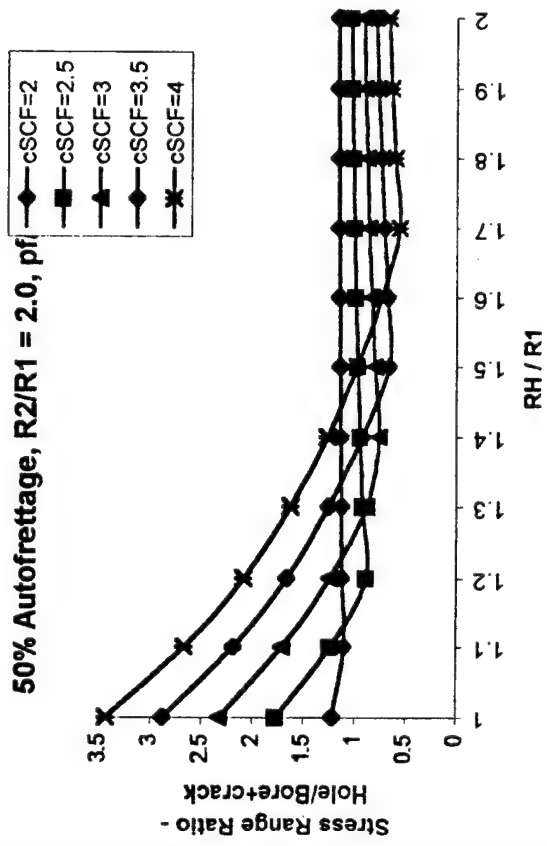
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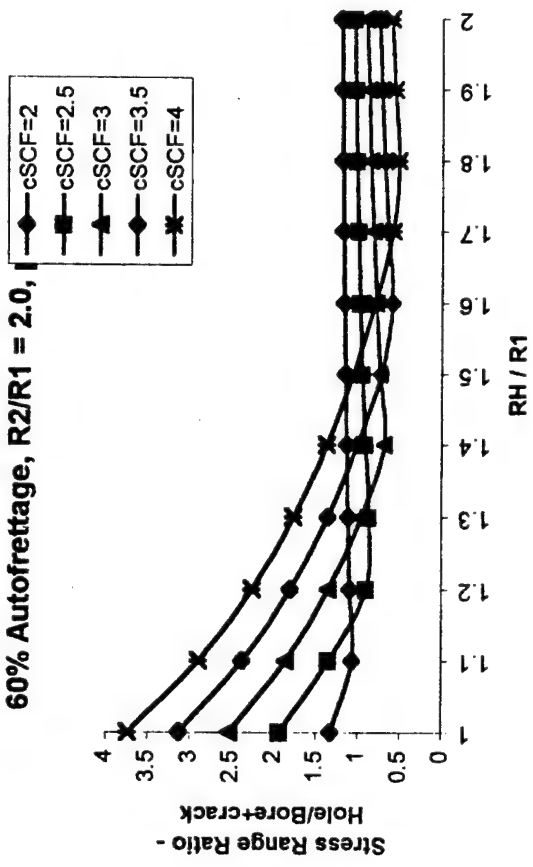
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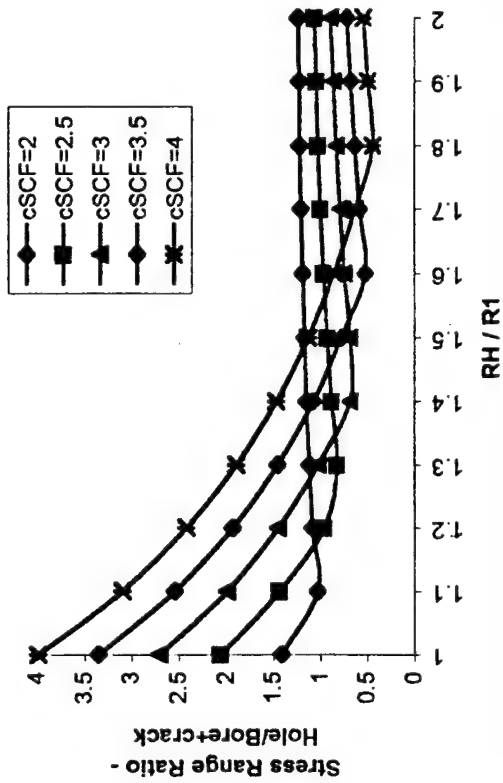


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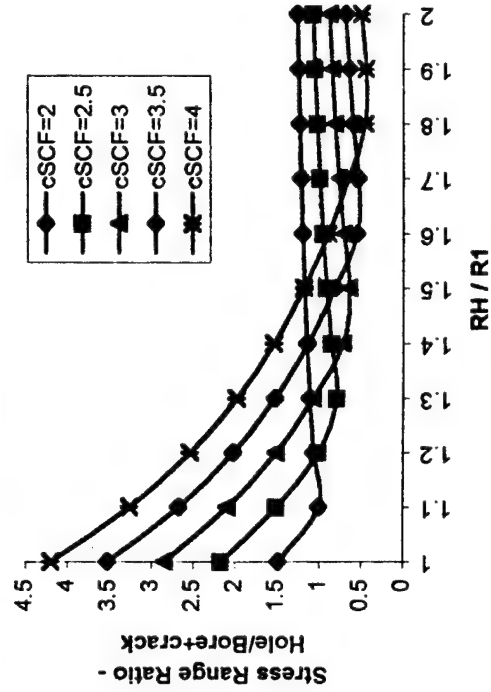




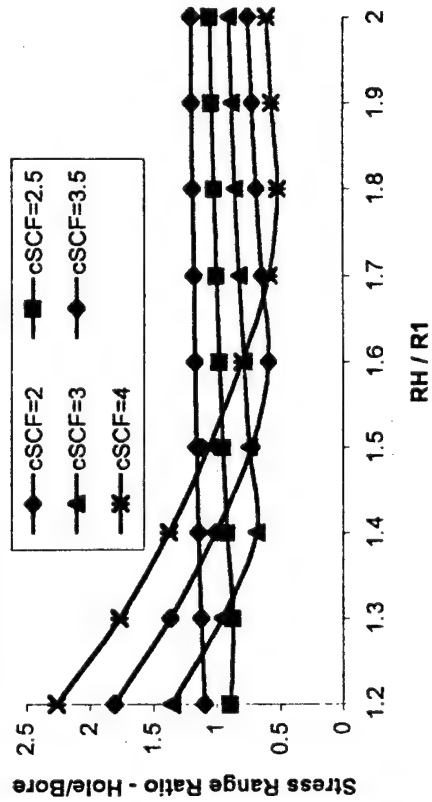
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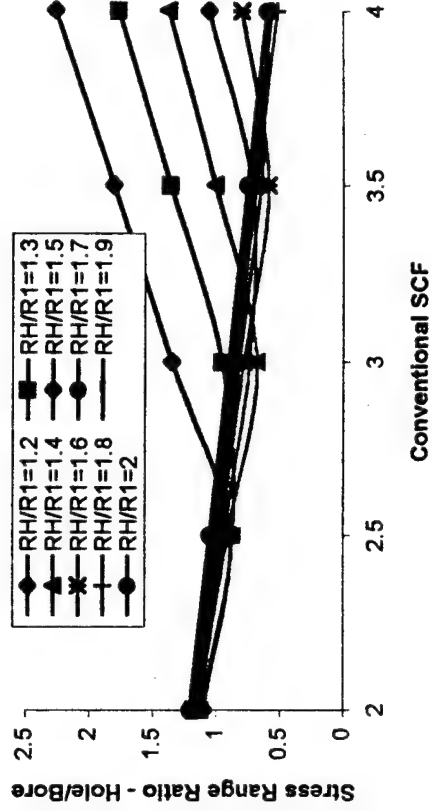
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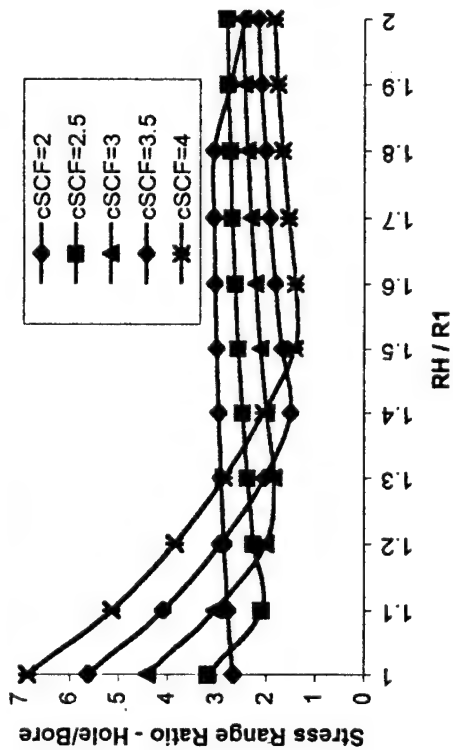
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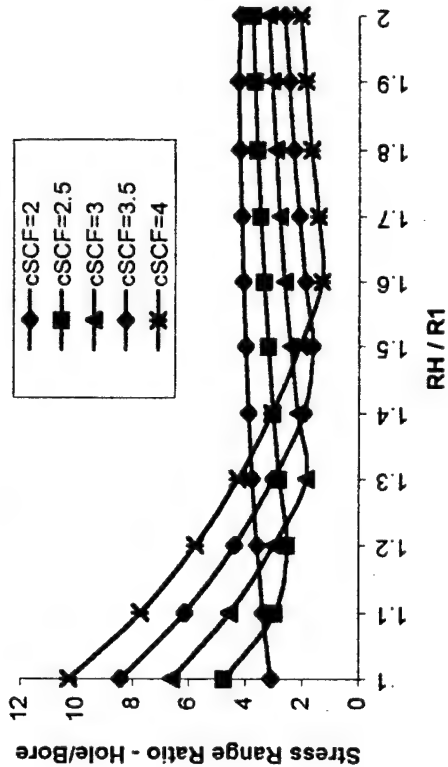
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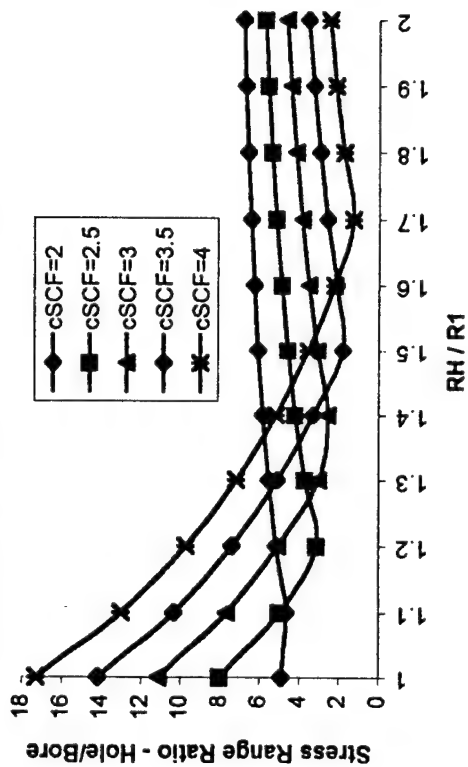
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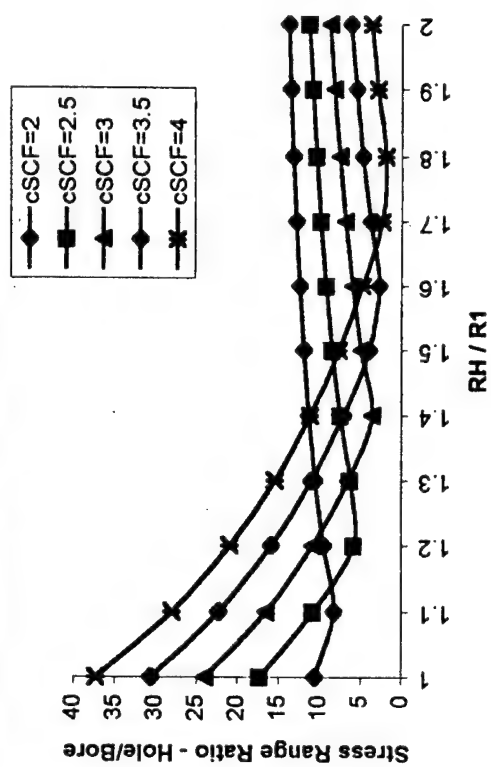
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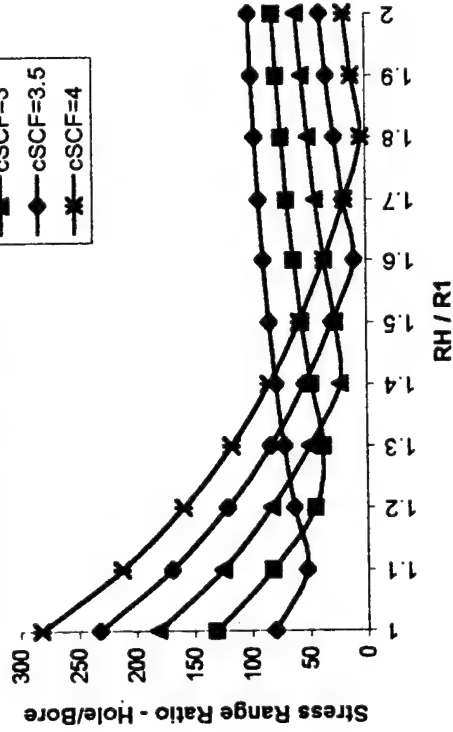
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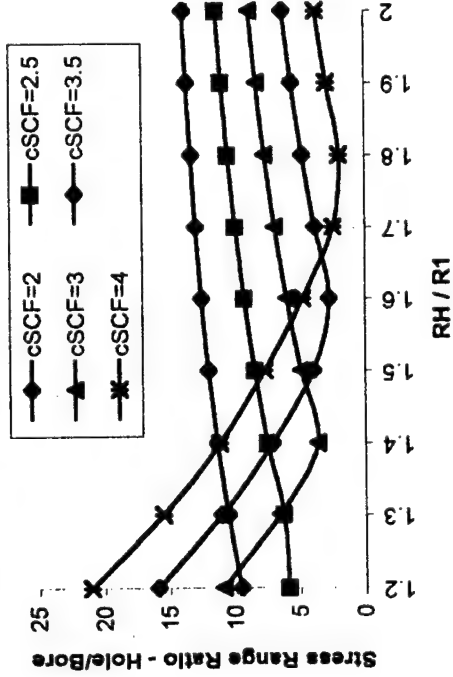
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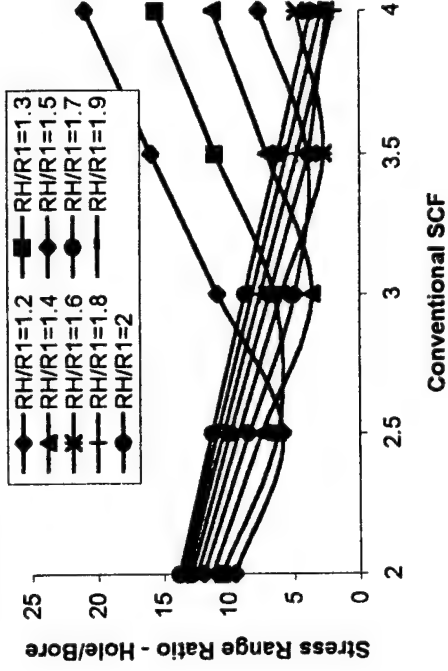
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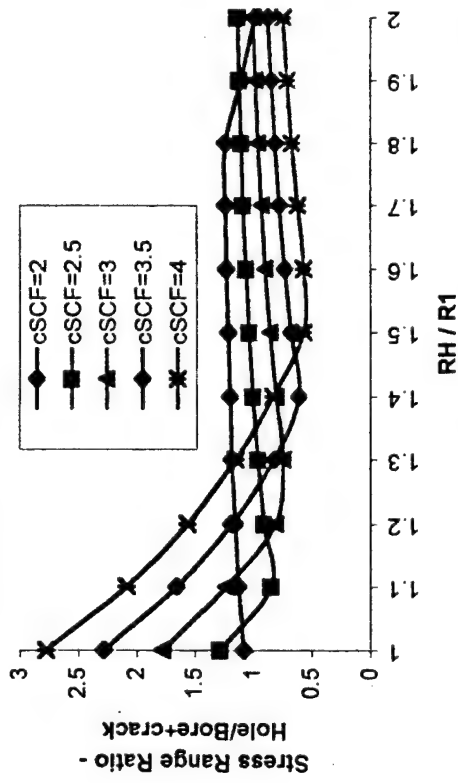
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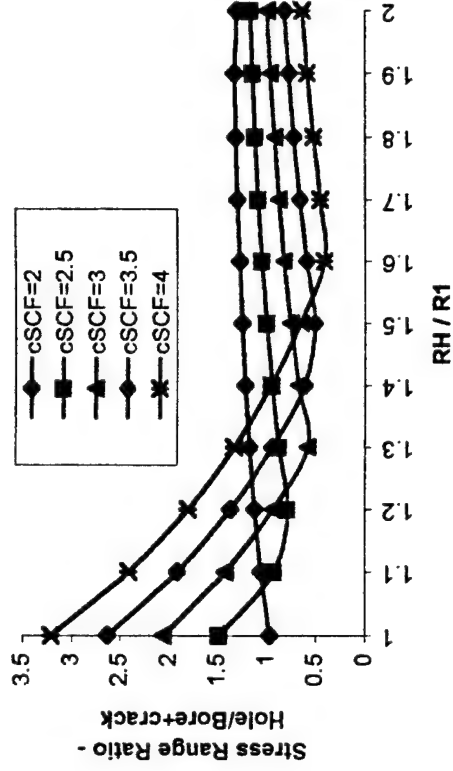
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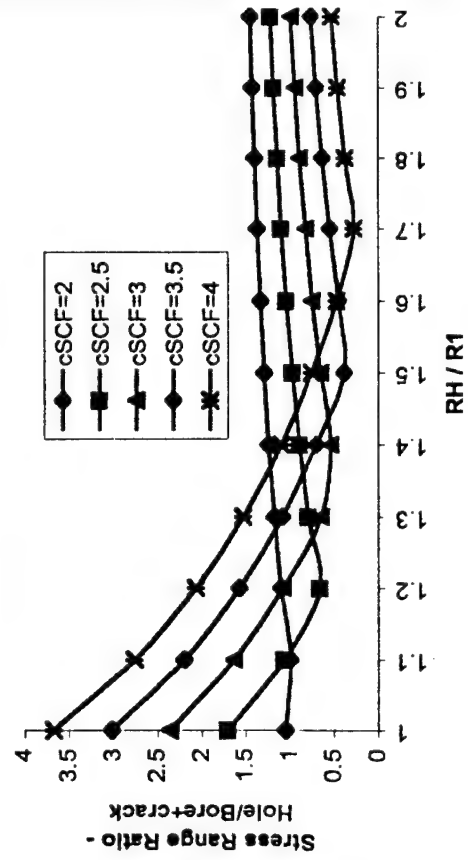
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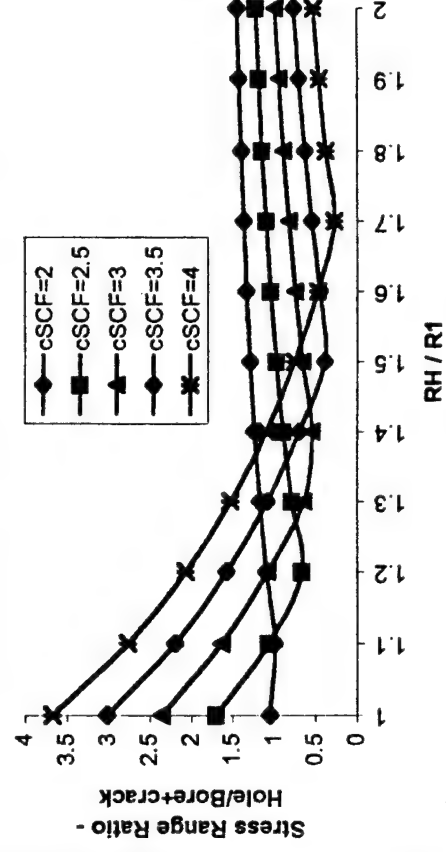
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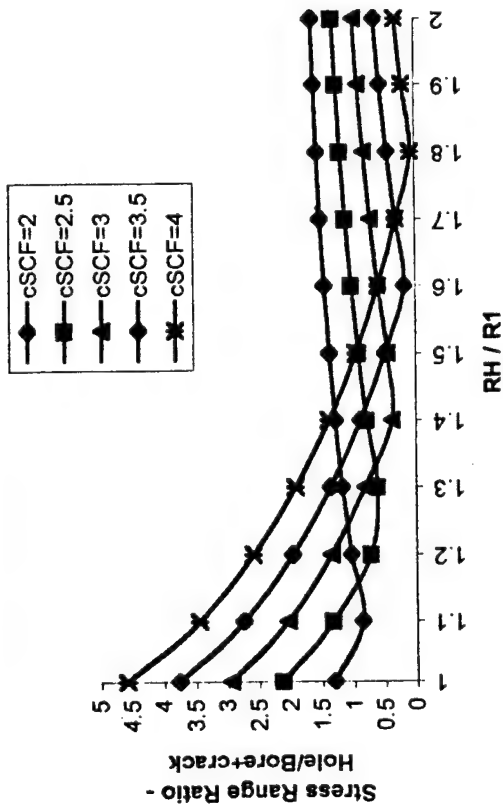
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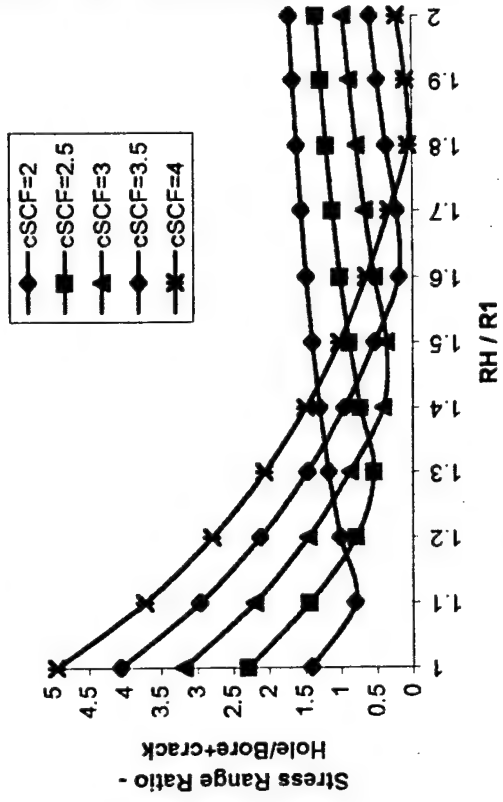
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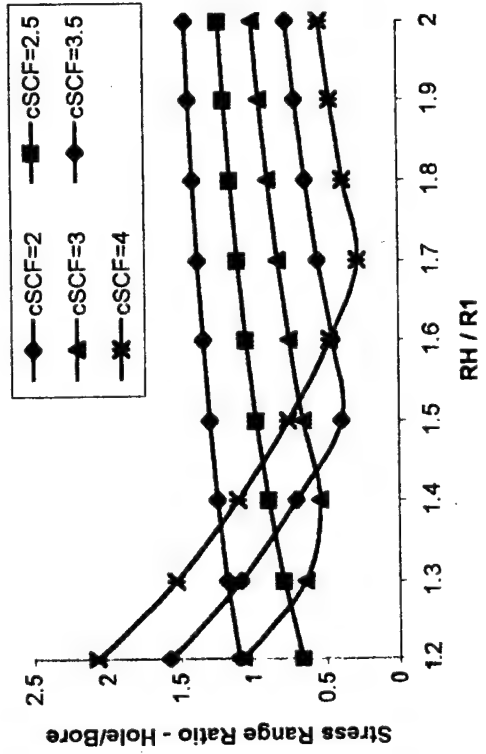
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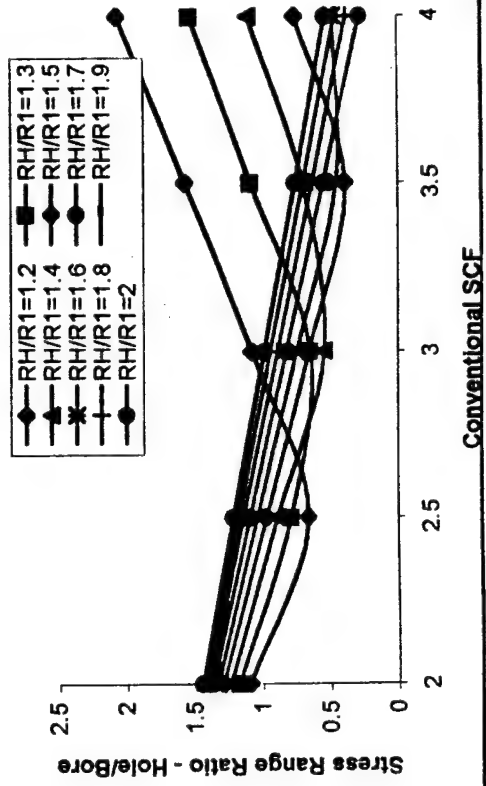
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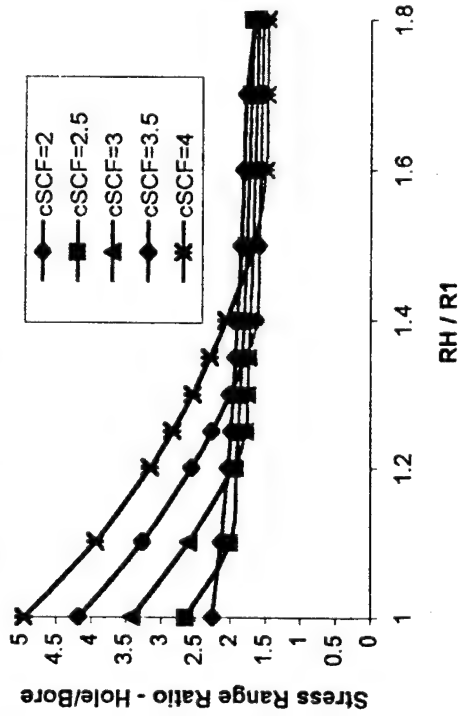
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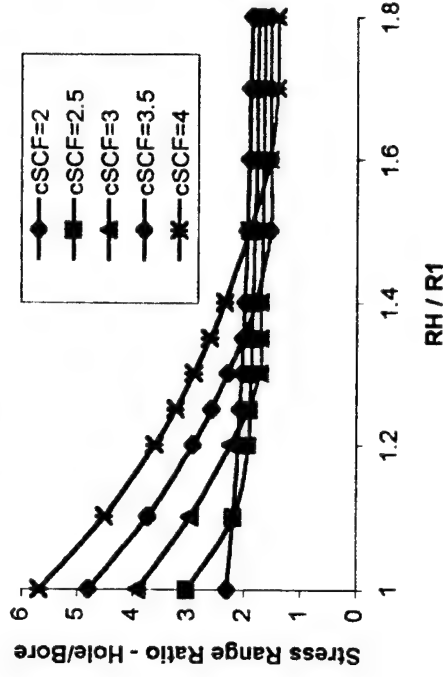
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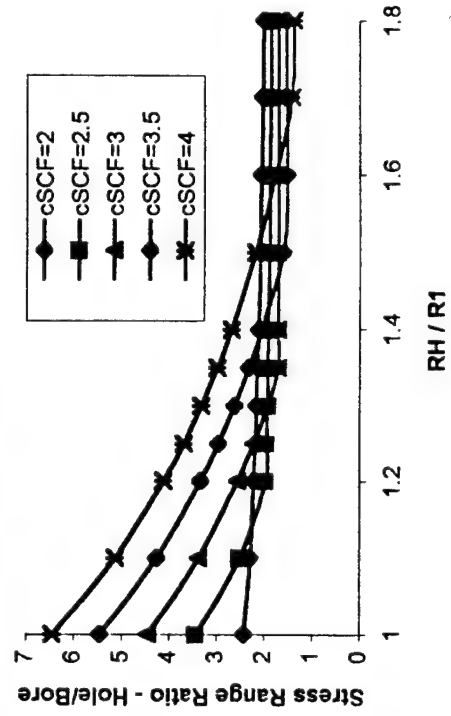
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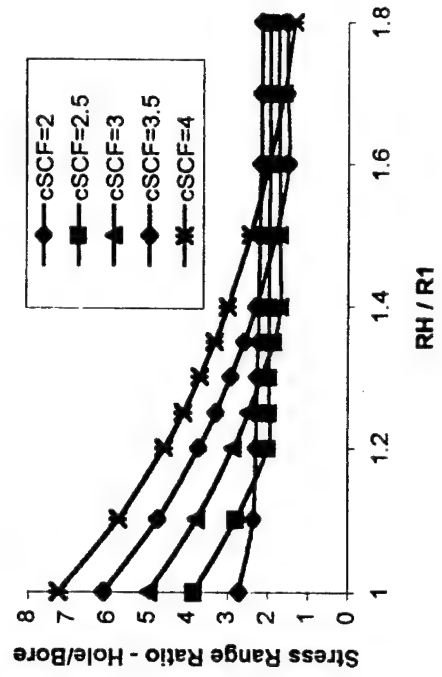
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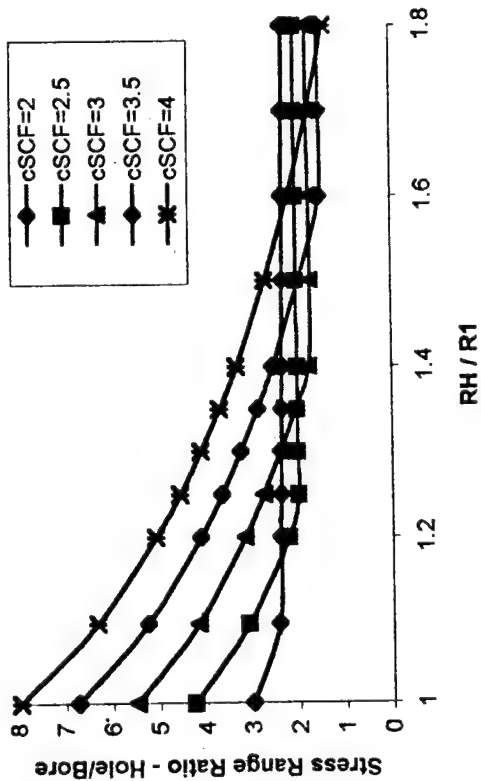
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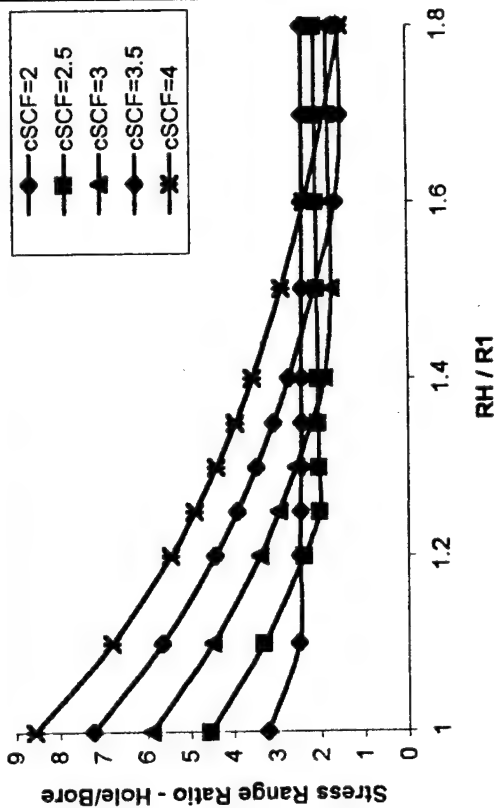
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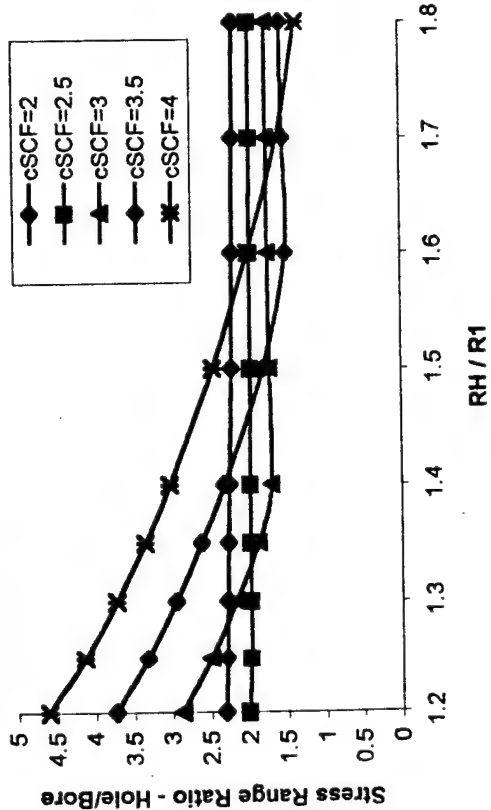
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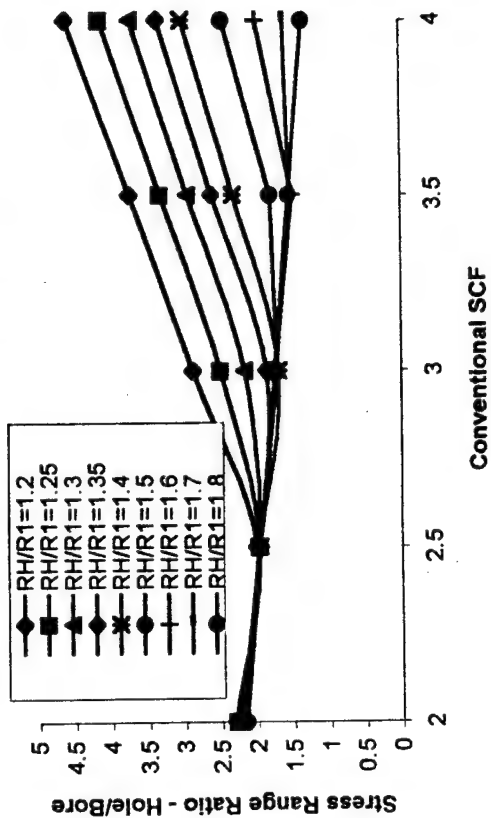
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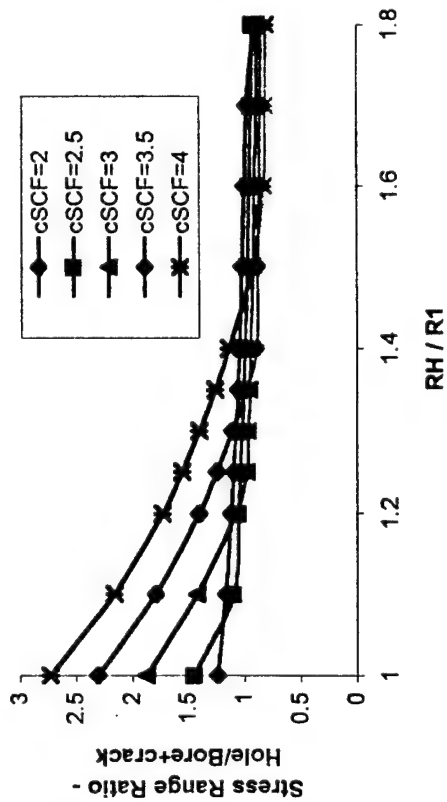
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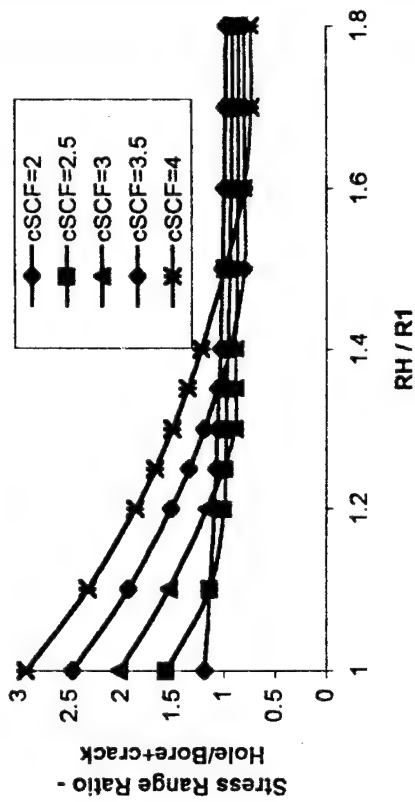
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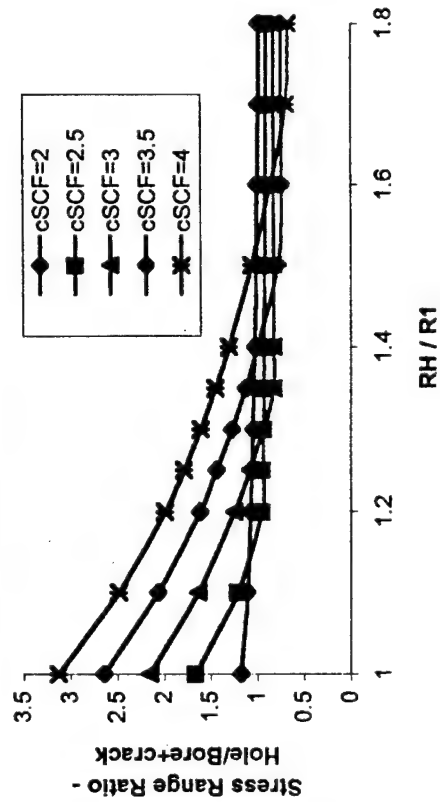
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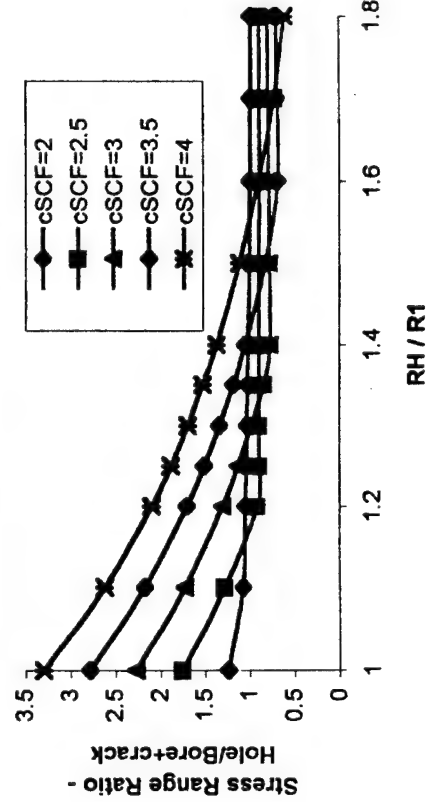
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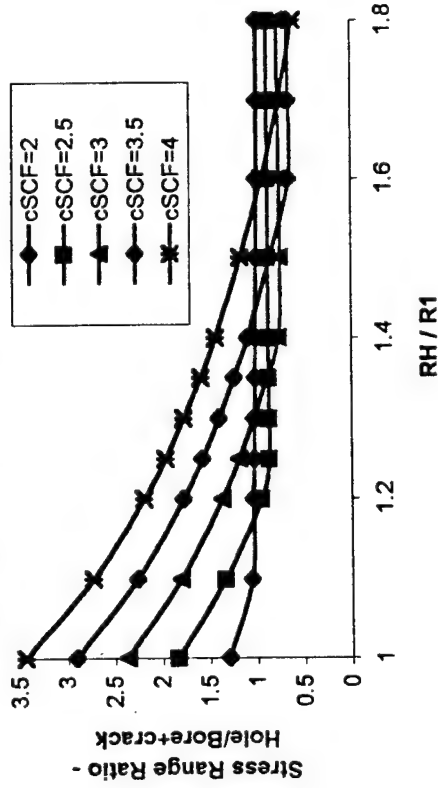


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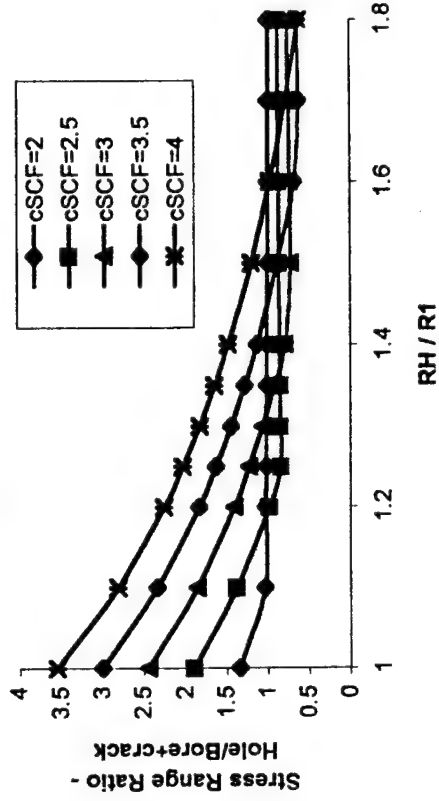




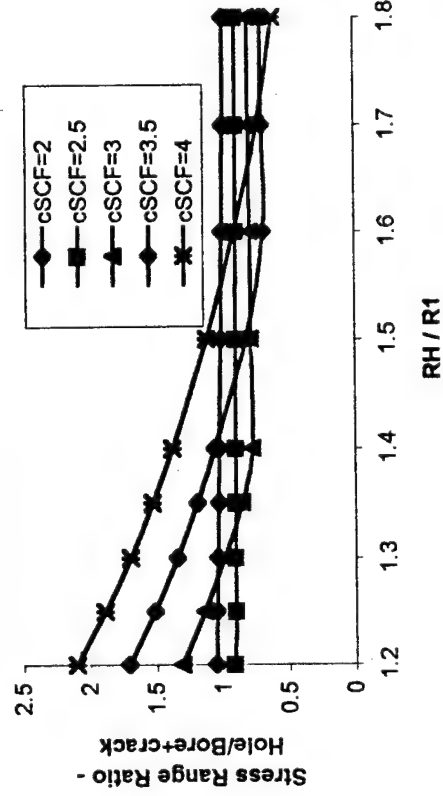
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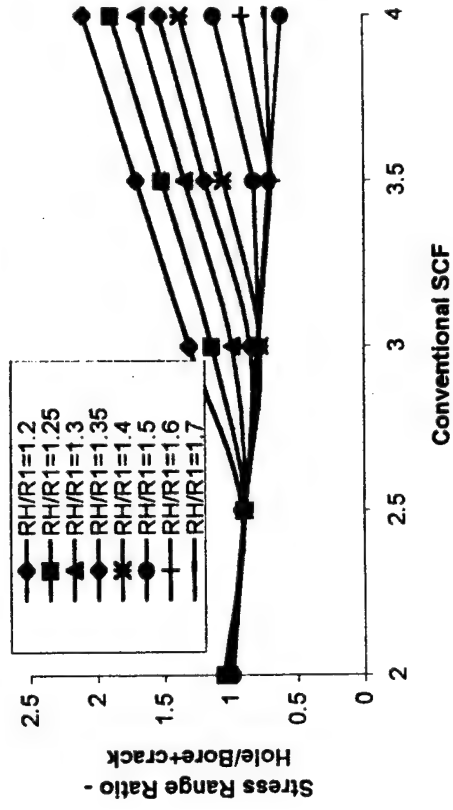
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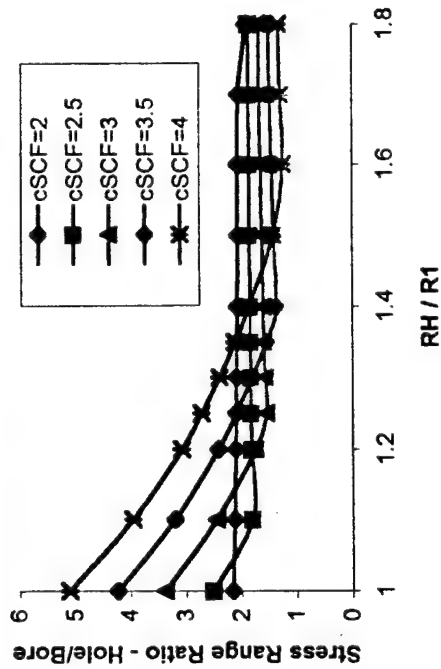
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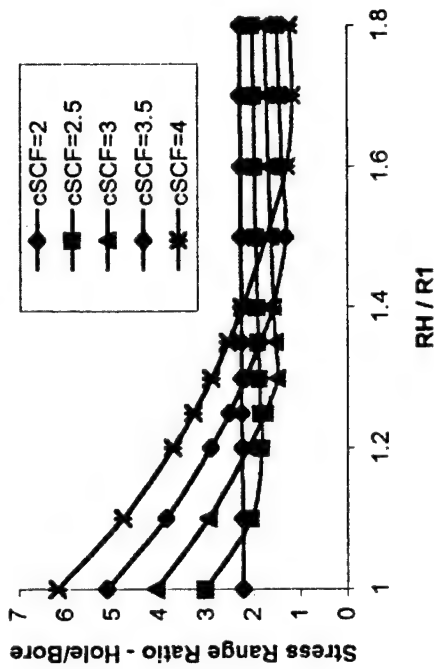
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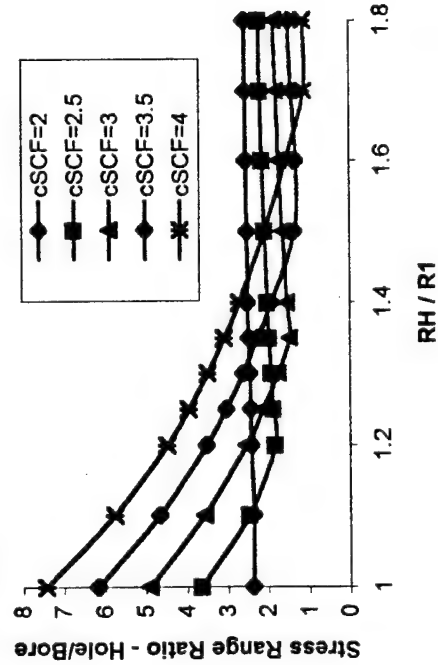
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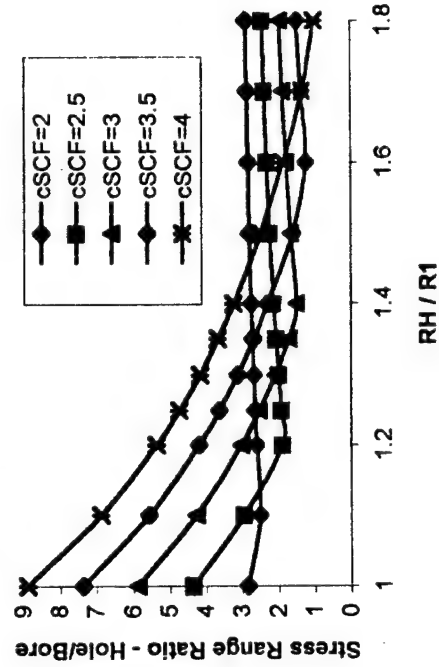
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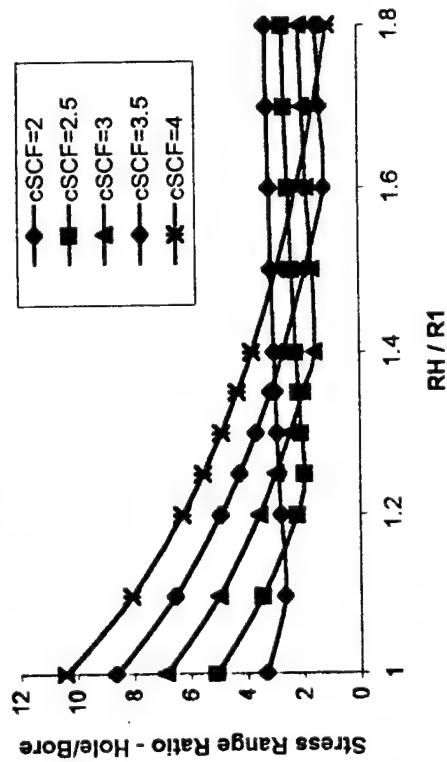
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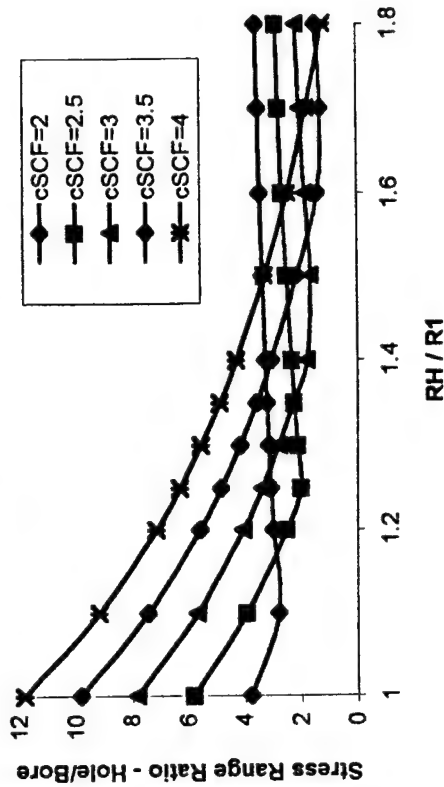
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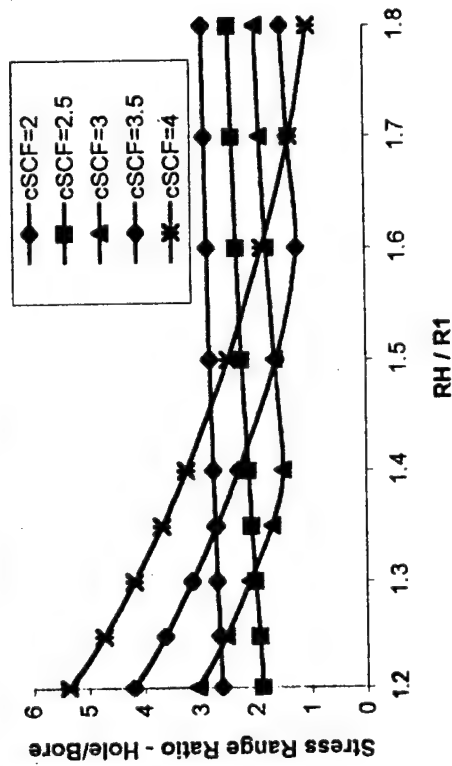
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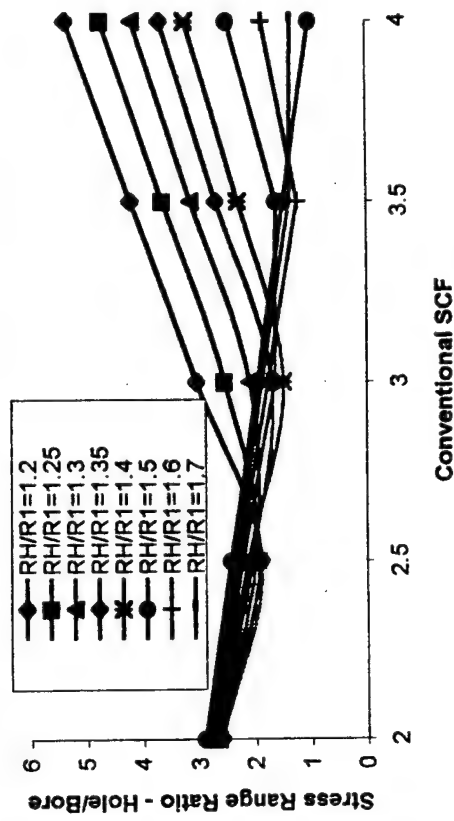
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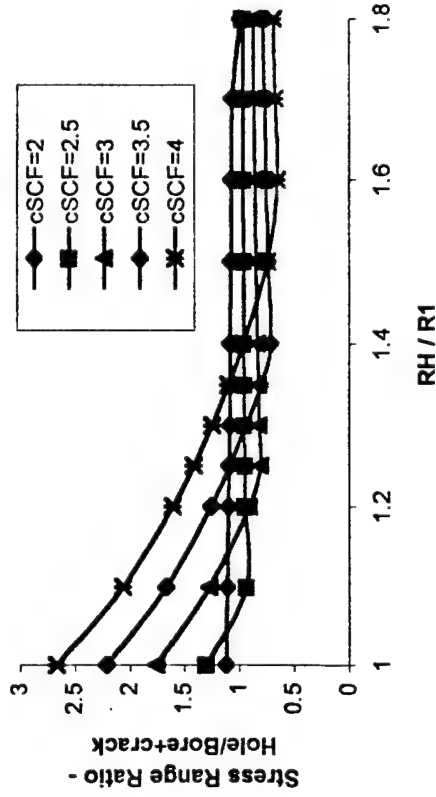
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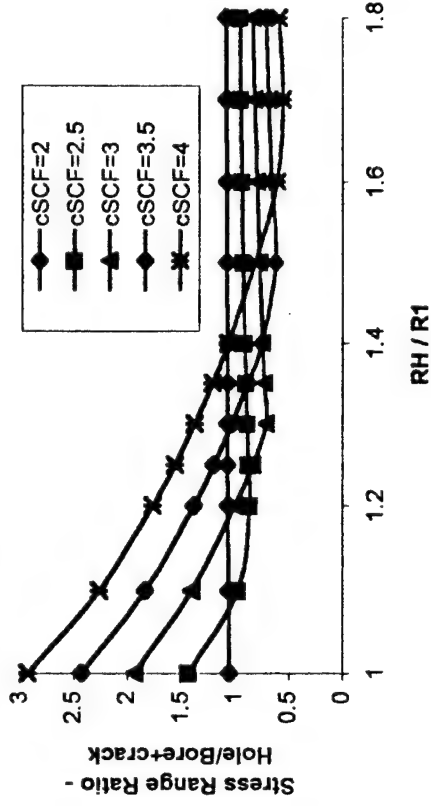
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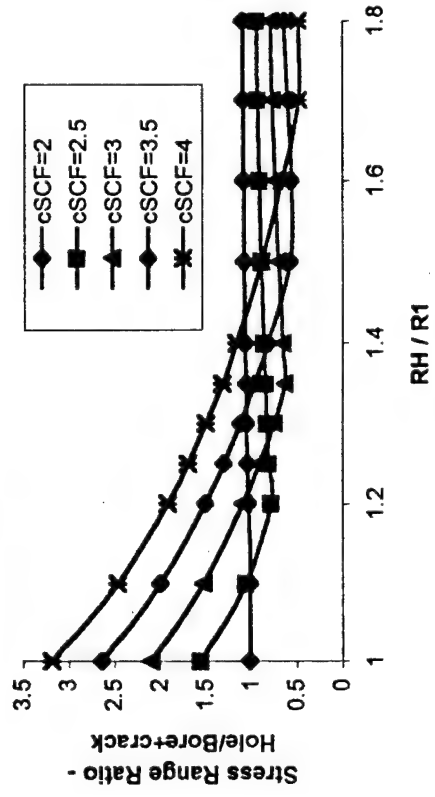
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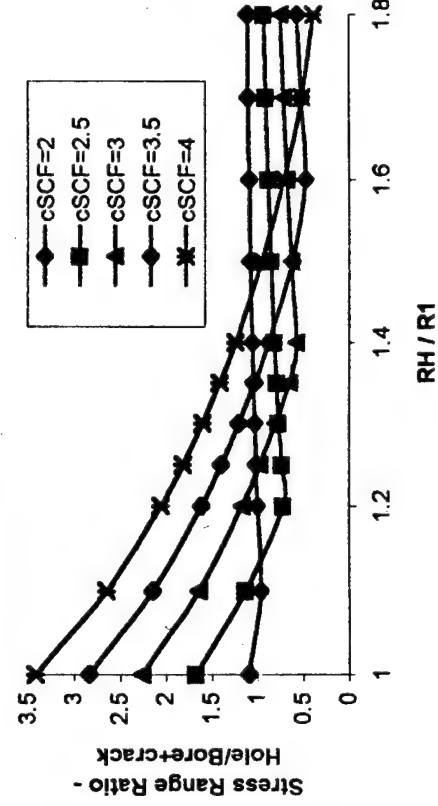
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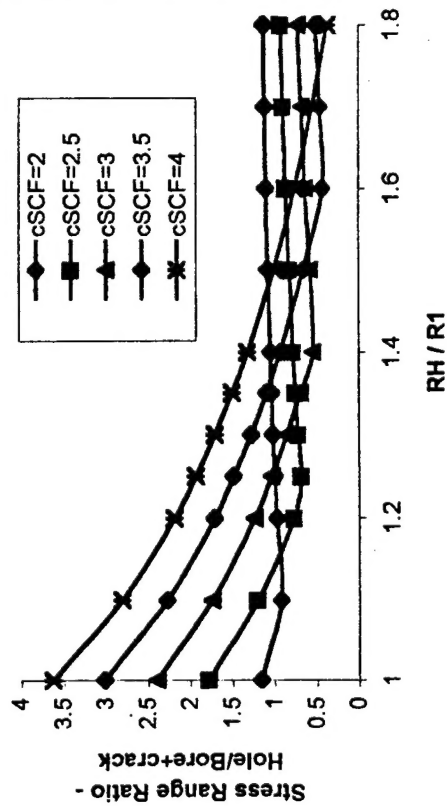
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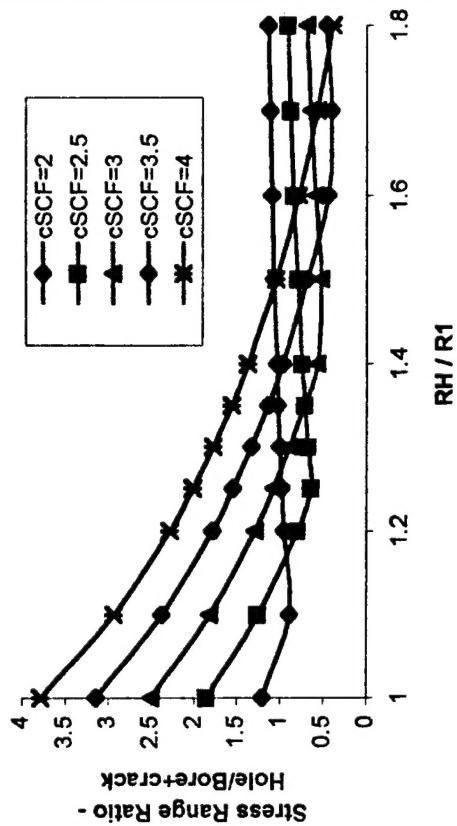
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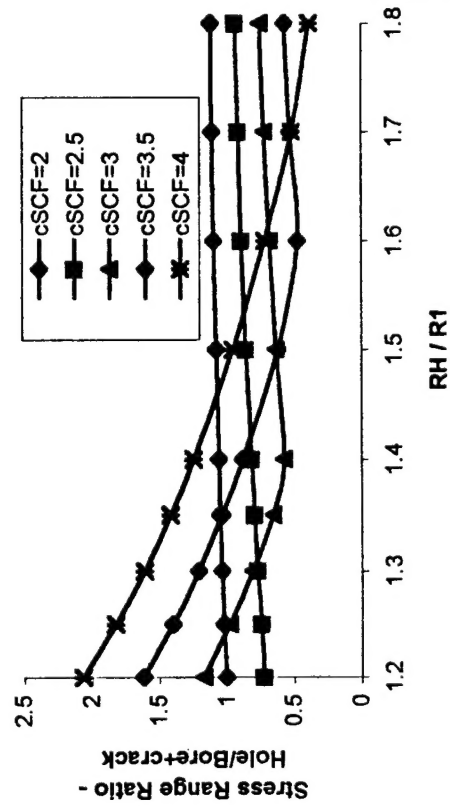
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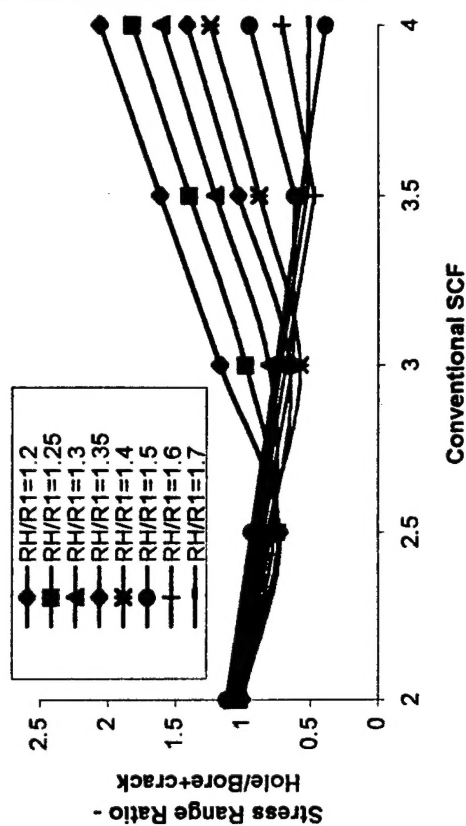
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